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Report of the Secretary-General

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I. Introduction

1. On 16 December 1996, the General Assembly adopted resolution 51/155 entitled "Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts". In paragraph 7 of the resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-third session a report on the status of the additional Protocols based on information received from Member States.

2. Pursuant to that request, the Secretary-General, by a note dated 31 January 1997, invited Member States to transmit to him, by 30 June 1998 and for inclusion in the report, the information requested in paragraph 7 of the resolution.

3. As at 31 July 1998, a reply had been received from Uruguay. The text of the reply is reproduced in the present report. Any additional replies will be reproduced as addenda to it.

4. The list of all States that are parties to the Protocols[1] Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949[2] as at 31 July 1998, as communicated by the competent authorities of the Government of Switzerland, depositary of the Protocols, appears in the annex to the present report.

II. Information received from Member States

Uruguay

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Uruguay is party to the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their Additional Protocols of 1977. With respect to the Protocols, Uruguay deposited its instrument of accession on 13 December 1985. On 17 July 1990, it made the declaration provided for under article 90 of the Additional Protocol, accepting the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission. In terms of domestic policy, Uruguay has a standing inter-ministerial commission responsible for planning legislative and administrative provisions to promote the development of international humanitarian law in its internal law. A priority task of the commission is to contribute to the dissemination of international humanitarian law among members of the armed forces, specialist schools, lawyers, teachers and the general public. All these activities will determine the degree of compliance with the resolutions adopted in this regard by the General Assembly and the various bodies of the United Nations system.

Notes

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1125, Nos. 17512 and 17513.
[2] Ibid., vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

Annex

List of States parties to the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 as at 31 July 1998[a]

State	*Date of ratification, accession or succession*
Albania	16 July 1993
Algeria[b c]	16 August 1989
Angola[b] (Protocol I only)	20 September 1984
Antigua and Barbuda	6 October 1986
Argentina[b c]	26 November 1986
Armenia	7 June 1993
Australia[b c]	21 June 1991
Austria[b c]	13 August 1982
Bahamas	10 April 1980
Bahrain	30 October 1986
Bangladesh	8 September 1980
Barbados	19 February 1990
Belarus[c]	23 October 1989
Belgium[b c]	20 May 1986
Belize	29 June 1984
Benin	28 May 1986
Bolivia[c]	8 December 1983
Bosnia and Herzegovina[c]	31 December 1992
Botswana	23 May 1979
Brazil[c]	5 May 1992
Brunei Darussalam	14 October 1991
Bulgaria[c]	26 September 1989
Burkina Faso	20 October 1987
Burundi	10 June 1993
Cambodia	14 January 1998
Cameroon	16 March 1984
Canada[b c]	20 November 1990
Cape Verde[c]	16 March 1995
Central African Republic	17 July 1984
Chad	17 January 1997
Chile[c]	24 April 1991
China[b]	14 September 1983
Colombia (Protocol I)[c]	1 September 1993
(Protocol II)	14 August 1995
Comoros	21 November 1985
Congo	10 November 1983
Costa Rica	15 December 1983
Côte d'Ivoire	20 September 1989

State	*Date of ratification, accession or succession*
Croatia[c]	11 May 1992
Cuba (Protocol I only)	25 November 1982
Cyprus (Protocol I)	1 June 1979
(Protocol II)	18 March 1996
Czech Republic[c]	5 February 1993
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (Protocol I only)	9 March 1988
Denmark[b,c]	17 June 1982
Djibouti	8 April 1991
Dominica	25 April 1996
Dominican Republic	26 May 1994
Ecuador	10 April 1979
Egypt[b]	9 October 1992
El Salvador	23 November 1978
Equatorial Guinea	24 July 1986
Estonia	18 January 1993
Ethiopia	8 April 1994
Finland[b,c]	7 August 1980
France (Protocol II only)	24 February 1984
Gabon	8 April 1980
Gambia	12 January 1989
Georgia	14 September 1993
Germany[b,c]	14 February 1991
Ghana	28 February 1978
Greece (Protocol I)[c]	31 March 1989
(Protocol II)	15 February 1993
Guatemala	19 October 1987
Guinea[c]	11 July 1984
Guinea-Bissau	21 October 1986
Guyana	18 January 1988
Holy See	21 November 1985
Honduras	16 February 1995
Hungary[c]	12 April 1989
Iceland[b,c]	10 April 1987
Italy[b,c]	27 February 1986
Jamaica	29 July 1986
Jordan	1 May 1979
Kazakhstan	5 May 1992
Kyrgyzstan	18 September 1992
Kuwait	17 January 1985
Lao People's Democratic Republic[c]	18 November 1980
Latvia	24 December 1991

State	Date of ratification, accession or succession
Lebanon	23 July 1997
Lesotho	20 May 1994
Liberia	30 June 1988
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	7 June 1978
Liechtenstein[b, c]	10 August 1989
Luxembourg[c]	29 August 1989
Madagascar[c]	8 May 1992
Malawi	7 October 1991
Maldives	3 September 1991
Mali	8 February 1989
Malta[b, c]	17 April 1989
Mauritania	14 March 1980
Mauritius	22 March 1982
Mexico (Protocol I only)	10 March 1983
Micronesia (Federated States of)	19 September 1995
Mongolia[b, c]	6 December 1995
Mozambique (Protocol I only)	14 March 1983
Namibia[c]	17 June 1994
Netherlands[b, c]	26 June 1987
New Zealand[b, c]	8 February 1988
Niger	8 June 1979
Nigeria	10 October 1988
Norway[c]	14 December 1981
Oman	29 March 1984
Palau	25 June 1996
Panama	18 September 1995
Paraguay[c]	30 November 1990
Peru	14 July 1989
Philippines (Protocol II only)	11 December 1986
Poland[c]	23 October 1991
Portugal[c]	27 May 1992
Qatar[b, c] (Protocol I only)	5 April 1988
Republic of Korea[b]	15 January 1982
Republic of Moldova	24 May 1993
Romania[c]	21 June 1990
Russian Federation[b, c]	29 September 1989
Rwanda[c]	19 November 1984
Saint Kitts and Nevis	14 February 1986
Saint Lucia	7 October 1982
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	8 April 1983
Samoa	23 August 1984
San Marino	5 April 1994

State	*Date of ratification, accession or succession*
Sao Tome and Principe	5 July 1996
Saudi Arabia[b] (Protocol I only)	21 August 1987
Senegal	7 May 1985
Seychelles[c]	8 November 1984
Sierra Leone	21 October 1986
Slovakia[c]	2 April 1993
Slovenia[c]	26 March 1992
Solomon Islands	19 September 1988
South Africa	21 November 1995
Spain[b c]	21 April 1989
Suriname	16 December 1985
Swaziland	2 November 1995
Sweden[b c]	31 August 1979
Switzerland[b c]	17 February 1982
Syrian Arab Republic (Protocol I only)	14 November 1983
Tajikistan[c]	13 January 1993
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia[c]	1 September 1993
Togo[c]	21 June 1984
Tunisia	9 August 1979
Turkmenistan	10 April 1992
Uganda	13 March 1991
Ukraine[c]	25 January 1990
United Arab Emirates[b c]	9 March 1983
United Kingdom[b]	28 January 1998
United Republic of Tanzania	15 February 1983
Uruguay[c]	13 December 1985
Uzbekistan	8 October 1993
Vanuatu	28 February 1985
Venezuela	23 July 1998
Viet Nam (Protocol I only)	19 October 1981
Yemen	17 April 1990
Yugoslavia[b]	11 June 1979
Zaire (Protocol I only)	3 June 1982
Zambia	4 May 1995
Zimbabwe	19 October 1992

Notes

[a] As communicated by the competent authorities of the Government of Switzerland, depositary of the Protocols. By a note dated 15 August 1990, the Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland informed the Secretary-General as follows:

> "On 21 June 1989, the Federal Department for Foreign Affairs received a communication of 14 June 1989 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations Office at

Geneva concerning Palestine's participation in the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and their two additional Protocols of 8 June 1977. On 18 September 1989, the Federal Department for Foreign Affairs sent to the States parties to the Conventions an information note of 13 September 1989 regarding this communication, accompanied by the text of the latter. In the information note, the Swiss Federal Council, depositary of the Conventions, brings to the attention of the States parties that it is not in a position to settle the question whether the communication should be considered an instrument of accession within the meaning of the relevant provisions of the Conventions and their Additional Protocols."

[b] Ratification, accession or succession accompanied by a reservation and/or a declaration.

[c] Party which has made the declaration provided for under article 90 of Protocol I.